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In re Application of:
ANNA GUTOWSKA

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POLYMER AND METHOD OF MAKING



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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 08/29/00, Applicant submits the following election. A three month extension of time is requested, which will expire on December 29, 2000.

ELECTION

The Examiner has required restriction between (6) groups of species as set forth on Page 3 of the Office Action in order to continue prosecution on the merits. Applicant hereby elects species "(5) polysaccharides", with traverse. Such election is made in view of the Examiner's remark that all claims are currently deemed to be generic to each of these species. Applicant reserves the right to argue the appropriateness of this election requirement upon receipt of an action on the merits.

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